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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING, INCLUDING METHOD OF INSPECTING, FLUID-  
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Sir:

Attached is the Assignment for the above-identified application in support  
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**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION**

Whereas, SHIGEHARU SUMI, HIROSHI JYOICHI and HIRONORI ANDO,  
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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING, INCLUDING METHOD OF INSPECTING,  
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